Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit 35 College Drive South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 (530) 543-2600

File Code: 1950-1

Date: November 14, 2008

Subject: Upper Truckee River (Sunset Reach) Restoration Project

Dear Scoping Respondents and other Individuals, Organizations and Agencies:

The US Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) and the California Tahoe Conservancy (CTC) are seeking comments on the enclosed Proposed Action for the Upper Truckee River (Sunset Reach) Restoration Project (Sunset Reach Project). The Proposed Action is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for obtaining scoping comments.

The Forest Service and CTC plan to host a public meeting on November 20, 2008 from 6-8 pm to encourage interest and comment on the Sunset Reach Project. The public meeting will be held at the City of South Lake Tahoe City Council chambers. Announcements will be posted on the LTBMU website at http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/projects.

As the Sunset Reach Project continues through the environmental analysis process, the Forest Service will be the lead agency for the NEPA analysis and the CTC will be the lead agency for the CEQA analysis. The LTBMU and the CTC will work closely with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board to meet all applicable regulations.

How to Comment and Timeframe

This Project is in the initial (scoping) stage of environmental analysis. We are asking for your comments on this Proposed Action. This scoping notice is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this project with an opportunity to make their concerns known. If you have information the Forest Service may not be aware of, or feel you have issues regarding potential effects of the Proposed Action, please send your comments to Theresa Loupe, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Dr., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this project will be most helpful if they are submitted by **December 19, 2008**. The office business hours for those providing hand-delivered comments are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments may be provided during normal business hours via telephone (530) 543-2788 or in person. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to comments-pacificsouthwest-ltbmu@fs.fed.us using subject: Sunset Reach Project.

If you would like to review the Proposed Action and map, they are posted on the LTBMU website, http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/projects. For further information regarding this Proposed





Action, contact Theresa Loupe at (530) 543-2788, email tloupe@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Summary of Proposed Action

Project Area Map